



## Covid-19 School Opening 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What will the 'bubble' model look like?

We will refer to 'bubbles' as our school family. There will be 15 children in 'bubbles' for year 1 and reception classes. Year 6 'bubbles' would have 9 children in them as they are able to social distance better than younger children.

'Bubbles' would not mix with other bubbles. This includes staff as well as pupils.

#### When will I finally know if school returns on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020?

The government will announce this on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. If government say schools are open and your child is in year 1, 6 or Reception, then please send your child on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. If they say schools are closed, then please don't send your child into school. We will only send further communication regarding closing, if the Local Authority decide cases of Covid-19 are too high in Peterborough and they advise schools in Peterborough to remain closed.

#### Will my child have their usual classroom adults?

One 'bubble' could have their class teacher (depending on sickness at the time). The rest would need to be split across other teachers across the school.

Reception will have reception teachers and year 2 teachers.

Year 1 will have year 1 teachers and year 3 teachers.

Year 6 will have year 6 teachers and year 5 teachers.

#### What time can I drop my children off and where would I do this?

Children can be dropped off between 8.30am-9am.

EYFS come in through the EYFS gate at the front of school.

Year 1 come in through the playpark gates.

Year 6 children come in through the hall doors.

You can drive round the roundabout and drop your children off. You cannot leave your car on the roundabout. If you want to take children to their entrance you need to park off the school site either in the community car park or Twelvetree Avenue.

We ask that only one parent bring their child to school to limit numbers on site.

At each entrance there will be a 2m marker where you hand your child to a member of staff.

If other parents are waiting you need to adhere to 2m social distancing rule. We will mark 5 of these out on the floor.

#### How do I pick up my children?

Children can be picked up between 3pm-4pm.

Friday's you can pick up children between 12:45-1:15pm.

You pick up your children from where they were dropped off in the morning. 'Bubbles' would be spaced out and released to you from a 2m distance.



Year 6 can still walk home alone but you need to inform us in writing either through email into the office or a letter to the teacher.

### **Will school lunches still be available?**

Yes- Children will have a lunch card every morning and have two options to choose from. The lunches will be brought to the classroom. Children can bring a packed lunch which will be kept under their chair. No cloakrooms will be used.

### **When will school be open?**

Children in years reception, year 1 or year 6 can attend Monday-Friday from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Monday to Thursday we are open 8.30am-4pm and on a Friday 8.30am-12:45pm.

Key worker children in year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be able to come into school 8am-6pm.

### **What extra cleaning will happen to ensure safety in school?**

Cleaners will be working extra hours and over the lunchtime period. There will always be a cleaner on site. They will be cleaning toilets, taps, door handles, switches and surfaces. There will be an enhanced cleaning rota in place. In classrooms, adults will have sanitiser to clean chairs, tables, handles and surfaces more frequently (at least 3 times a day).

### **How will pupils keep their hands cleaned?**

Pupils will have their hands cleaned with hand sanitiser at least 3 times a day. One on arrival to school, lunchtime and as they leave school. Every hour, the children will be called one at a time to the sink in the classroom to clean their hands.

In the first week of coming back to school, we will do handwashing lessons with all children.

### **Can masks be worn in school?**

No face masks to be worn for pupils or staff. This is considered scary for the children. The best prevention is increased hand and respiratory hygiene.

### **Will staff have to remain in a 'bubble'?**

Yes- We have a one-way system around school to limit contact and only one person is allowed in communal areas at any one time. Only one member of staff is allowed in the refreshment areas and toilets. Staff can have lunch in designated areas but must remain 2m apart. If staff do need to have face-to-face contact this must be done from a 2m distance. Staff will bring their own mug to and from school and will have individual tea, coffee, milk and sugar sachets.

### **Do I have to bring my child back on the 1<sup>st</sup> June?**

No- At the moment the government have relaxed the legislation related to fines. We do not know whether this will change in time.

### **Can I withdraw my child once I have sent them into school?**

Yes- however we believe this would be unsettling for the child if they were to then return at a later date. They would have missed elements of their education.



### **Will teachers be released for PPA time?**

Contractually teachers must have PPA. Therefore, this is why we are closing between 12:45-1:15pm on a Friday.

### **What will happen if there is a suspected case of Covid-19?**

Child or member of staff will be isolated either outside or a designated area. Child or member of staff leaves the building via the nearest exit and does not walk through school. The child is then collected.

We would remove the rest of the children to the hall. The classroom and any areas used will be sealed off and then be deep cleaned. We would then take advice from NHS 111 and Public Health England as to whether the 'bubble' are sent home or whether a whole school closure would be required. We would inform all parents if there is a suspected case of Covid-19 even if your child is not in that 'bubble.'

### **Does uniform need to be worn?**

We ask that children do wear uniform but that it is a clean fresh uniform daily. Staff will also be asked to do the same.

### **Will PPE be worn by staff?**

Only in the event of a suspected Covid-19 case. This will only be worn by the first aider who is sat with the child, until the parent arrives to collect them.

### **Will my child bring a reading book home?**

A selection of reading books will be sanitised for a child to choose. They will not be selecting them off the book shelf. We will send this home unless you request otherwise.

### **What can children bring to school?**

Children can bring water bottles, packed lunches and bags. They do not need PE kit as we will not do PE.

### **Will other people be allowed in school?**

No volunteers, visitors or parents will be allowed in school. There might be a speech and language therapist or education psychologist come into to assess the medical and health needs of children (these are happening virtually at the moment). They will come into the school grounds via the side gate and we have plastic shields so these meetings can happen.

If parents need to communicate with the school the preferred option is through email or telephone. Some parents might be offered a Zoom call. In exceptional circumstances, a meeting could be convened with a plastic shield in place.



### **How will the school ensure that children and staff are not displaying symptoms of Covid-19?**

All staff and pupils will have their temperature taken every day. If anyone displays symptoms such as a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell they will be sent home and requested to book a Covid-19 test through the government website.

### **Will my child be able to go to the toilet?**

Yes- in year 6 this will be one person in the toilet anyone time. In Year 1 and Reception, more than one child could be in the toilet at once if needed because these are open toilets with separate cubicles. There are no urinals in the key stage 1 or Reception toilets.

### **How will playtime and lunchtime work?**

The 'bubble' of children will play in the same area. Each 'bubble' will have an allocated play area e.g playground, playpark, William's Orchard. Children can kick a ball but not pick it up. No football games with tackling etc. All equipment used will be sanitised after use. No play park, trim trail etc.

### **Will Peripatetic music lessons happen?**

These will not take place in school. Some of these teachers have arranged for these lessons to take place on zoom and they have contacted you regarding this.

### **Will my child receive first aid?**

Yes- no PPE will be worn unless the first aider thought the child had suspected Covid-19. A child might be asked to use an antiseptic wipe themselves if at all possible.

### **Will the childcare provision still be available for key worker children in year 2, 3, 4 and 5?**

Yes- this provision would run from 8am-6pm. We are waiting for confirmation on whether your child must attend full time or just when you are at work. There would be a class with year 2 and 3 key workers and a class of year 4 and 5 key workers.

### **Will home learning be provided for those who are still at home?**

Learning packs will continue to be sent out to all pupils who remain at home. These learning packs will cover work for a period of time. We have sent home project work rather than lots of worksheets or online lessons because as a school we do not believe that this style of learning is interesting or engaging. We also wanted to make it as easy as possible and not put too much pressure on our families by setting times for lessons etc.

### **Will children be sharing equipment?**

Where possible no, Children will have their own pencils and stationary on their tables. Children will have to request other items from their adults in their room if it is not on their table. Anything that is used that is shared will be sanitised afterwards with sanitising wipes. This also applies to any play equipment that they use, it will always be sanitised afterwards.



### **Is out of school club running?**

No because we would not be able to maintain the 'bubble' and children would then mix. If you are a key worker and your child is in years 2,3,4 or 5 you are able to access the childcare provision between the hours of 8am-6pm.

### **If I send my child in, can I then change my mind?**

Yes, the government are not fining parents at the moment, however we don't know when this will change. The official school registers also have been frozen therefore any absence will not be recorded as unauthorised.

If you do remove your child from school and then decide to send them at a later date. We can't guarantee that they return to the same 'bubble', because the space may have been allocated to another child.

### **How will the classroom be set up?**

In Reception and Year 1, there will be 15 chairs instead of carpet spaces. These chairs will be roughly spaced out around half a metre. This is in recognition that this year group are not always going to socially distance from each other. Instead, the 'bubble' of 15 children will not mix with other 'bubbles.'

In year 6, children will have 9 desks and chairs in each classroom. This is in recognition that this age group will be able to socially distance better than others.

### **If my child soils themselves will they be helped?**

Yes- we recognise that at times a child might need support changing themselves if they have had an accident. Where possible, children will be encouraged to clean themselves.

### **How can children socially distance in school?**

Children will be in their own 'bubble.' Children will not move around the school building with the exception of going to the toilet. 'Bubbles' will be kept at least 2 metres away from other 'bubbles' in the Reception outdoor area or at breaktimes.

When children first come into school, we will discuss no hugging and teach them to give a 'virtual hug.' We have songs and rhymes which we will share with the children to remind them to keep their distance from others.

### **Will my child be punished for forgetting to social distance from others?**

We do understand that when children return in the younger years, they might forget to keep their distance and they will not be punished but gently reminded.

### **What will the curriculum look like when school returns on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020?**

There will be a recovery curriculum. The main focus will be on wellbeing and mental health. There will be lots of PSHE.

Children will not have music, RE or language lessons because they are delivered by specialist teachers. We are not allowed to let adults move between 'bubbles.'

There would be no PE, trips, assemblies, residentials, celebration evenings.

We are planning on having a virtual leavers assembly.



**My child is in year 6, can they still walk home alone?**

Yes- we ask that you email or write a letter to the school or the child's teacher giving permission for this to happen.

**My child is in year 6 and usual bring a mobile phone to school, can they still do this?**

Yes- they will need to switch this off as they enter school premises and then place it in their tray on their table in their classroom. A member of staff will confirm that the phone is switched off.

**My child is in year 6, what will transition look like?**

Different secondary schools will do different things. As soon as we know we will communicate the plan. Transition documents have already been completed and sent to their secondary school by the year 6 teachers. We would facilitate meetings in school using a plastic shield, if secondary schools requested to visit your child at William Law.